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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 3339

FOR BRZEZINSKI FROM YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (OPPENHEIMER, HARRY), SF  
SUBJ: APPOINTMENT REQUEST FOR HARRY OPPENHEIMER

1. HARRY OPPENHEIMER, SOUTH AFRICA'S LEADING INDUSTRIALIST  
AND AN IMPORTANT FORCE FOR NONVIOLENT CHANGE IN SOUTH  
AFRICA'S APARTHEID SYSTEM, WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES  
FROM OCTOBER 3-14. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE PRESIDENT  
SEE HIM.

2. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CORPORATION (AAC) AND  
OF DE BEERS CONSOLIDATED MINES, LTD., HARRY CONTROLS A  
SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S GNP. MORE  
IMPORTANTLY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF OUR EFFORTS TO EFFECT  
CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, HE AND THE AAC ARE THE CLOSEST  
THING TO A TRUE OPPOSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA. HARRY  
STRONGLY OPPOSES APARTHEID AND, BOTH IN PARLIAMENT AND OUT,  
HE HAS SOUGHT TO EXTEND POLITICAL RIGHTS TO BLACKS AND  
TO SEE THEM REPRESENTED FAIRLY IN GOVERNMENT. HE HAS  
WORKED HARD TO DEVELOP INCOME SCALES WHICH WILL CLOSE  
THE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN WAGES PAID TO WHITE AND BLACK  
WORKERS. ECONOMICALLY DEPENDENT ON OPPENHEIMER'S VAST  
ENTERPRISES, THE GOVERNMENT DARES TO LITTLE TO CRITICIZE  
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OR CONTROL HIS ACTIVITIES.

3. IT WAS AT HARRY'S INVITATION THAT I SPOKE BEFORE  
A GROUP OF SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESSMEN LAST MAY, AND IT WAS  
HARRY WHO WAS IN LARGE PART RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESS  
AND POSITIVE SPIRIT GENERATED AT THAT MEETING. I SEE  
HIM AS A FRIEND, A COMMITTED HUMANIST, AND A POWERFUL

ALLY IN OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NONVIOLENT CHANGE IN  
SOUTH AFRICA. I HOPE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO  
MEET HIM.  
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